

Big Meadows.

Ranunculus, Lemmoni
Indian Valley Apr. 10, '78

Prattville Plumas Co., Cal.

May 20, 1878.

Dear Friend Davenport,

I send you the long promised Sarcodes. I hope it may reach you without fading and that you may succeed in growing it. Keep in a cool place & do not give too much water, & when the flowers are about mature, let remain dry till Oct; then put in a cool place & give plenty of water or snow for the winter, not allowing it to freeze.

We have a beautiful this summer Lassen's Peak in full view, & one of the best Botanical fields in northern Cal. I expect some rare "finds" this season,

Mr. M. Banby reports some rare
things in my last summer's work

I have my abomination to
contend with, A Dairy Ranch,
and much work to do.

"I am much pleased with Eatons
"Terns of North America." Wonder
when the second vol. of Cal. Flora
will make its appearance, I am
anxious to have it.

I will not forget you when
I am collecting this season.

Yours sincerely
R. M. Swinton